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Amendment/Response in Application

In response to the Examiner's office action of January 7, 2004, Applicants present the following amendment to the previously pending claims in an effort to expedite allowance of the present application. Claims 1-22 as amended, are now pending in the present application. The specification has been previously amended to reflect government rights in the invention as a consequence of providing certain support for research into the present invention.

Applicants assert that the Examiner's rejection of the instant claims under 35 U.S.C. §103 has now been obviated and that claims 1-22 are now in condition for allowance.

In the Claims:

Claims 1-22 are amended as follows. Claims 23 and 24 are new.

1. (Currently amended) A method of treating type II diabetes mellitus symptoms of glucose intolerance and elevated plasma insulin diabetes in an animal, said method comprising administering to said animal a therapeutically effective amount of conjugated linoleic acid, said method producing enhanced glucose tolerance and reduced plasma insulin levels in said animal.